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SUBJECT: WFP PLEDGE SITUATION

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1. PLEDGES ANNOUNCED TO WFP FOR 1975/76 PERIOD AS OF END JULY INCLUDE 69 COUNTRIES, \$372,011,346 OR ABOUT 85 PERCENT OF TARGET. TOTAL PLEDGES FOR 73/74 NUMBER 87. EEC AND 23 COUNTRIES WHO TOGETHER CONTRIBUTING \$67.3 MILLION TO THE 73/74 PROGRAM HAVE NOT YET PLEDGED FOR 75/76. OF THESE, SUBSTANTIAL CONTRIBUTORS TO 73/74 ARE EEC \$62.5 MILLION INFLAND 3 MILLION BELGIUM \$810,000 BRAZIL \$250,000. NEXT COLOMBIA \$150,000 AND FRANCE \$100,000.

2. NEW TO THE LIST OF CONTRIBUTORS ARE FOUR COUNTRIES (FIJI, OMAN, QATAR, SINGAPORE) AND TWO (MEXICO, SIERRA LEONE) RETURNED TO THE FOLD AFTER MISSING 73/74. (AMOUNTS ARE MODEST, TOTAL BEING \$177,071 OF WHICH MEXICO \$160,000). THUS IF THE MISSING 24 COME FORWARD, NUMBER OF PLEDGES BECOMES 93.

3. EXCEPT FOR SAUDI ARABIA (50 MILLION FOR 75/76) INDICATIONS FROM OIL EXPORTING COUNTRIES STILL DISAPPOINTING. IN THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS, KUWAIT IS INCLUDED AT 65 (UNDERSTAND THIS SINCE INCREASED TO 200 AND WFP STILL TRYING FOR MORE) OMAN 5, QATAR UNCLASSIFIED

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15, ALGERIA 36, INDONESIA 150, IRAN 66, IRAQ 300, LIBYA 10, UNITED ARAB EMIRATES 30, VENEZUELA 100.

4. WFP SHOWS "AVAILABLE" FOR 75/76 \$318,486,449 BUT THIS IS UNDERSTATED BECAUSE U.S. PERCENTAGE BASED SOLELY ON COMMODITY PLEDGES WHEREAS SUBSTANTIAL AMOUNT OF CASH, PARTICULARLY SAUDI ARABIA, ALSO IS FOR COMMODITIES. HOWEVER IT STILL WILL TAKE A SUBSTANTIAL CONTRIBUTION FROM EEC AND OTHER MISSING DONORS FOR THE TARGET FIGURE TO BE EXCEEDED AND U.S. MATCHING FORMULA MET. VOLPE

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